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## **SENATOR ALLARD ASKS SECRETARY OF STATE RICE TO INTERVENE IN GARCIA-GOMEZ EXTRADITION CASE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Monday asked Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to intervene directly with the government of Mexico in order to get a Mexican national being held by Mexican police extradited to Colorado to stand trial on charges he shot and killed a Denver police officer on May 8, 2005

“This individual committed an outrage in our country and deserves to stand trial here, not cower behind Mexico’s extradition laws,” Senator Allard said. “He is accused of shooting two Denver police officers, killing one and gravely injuring the other. Justice will not be served unless he is returned Colorado to face the charges against him.”

In a letter to Secretary of State Rice, Senator Allard wrote, “I urge you to make this case a top priority and to use what ever diplomatic tool at your disposal to secure as quickly as possible the extradition of Raul Garcia-Gomez to Denver.”

Raul Garcia-Gomez, a Mexican citizen working illegally in the United States, allegedly shot two Denver Police officers, Detectives Donald R. Young and John Bishop. Detective Young died of his injuries. After fleeing to Mexico from the United States, Garcia-Gomez was taken into custody in Culiacan in Northwest Mexico on June 4, 2005.

“The murder of Detective Young has touched many Coloradoans who respect and appreciate the service performed by law enforcement officers. Many of my constituents view this extradition case as a test of our nation’s ability to hold accountable illegal immigrants who commit crimes in the United States,” Senator Allard’s letter continued.

“I understand Mexican authorities have resisted extraditing individuals to a different country for trial if the death penalty is a possibility. I have also been told that the City of Denver’s District Attorney’s office is working with the Department of State and Mexican authorities on a possible arrangement that would address this concern.

“Although I appreciate the Department of State’s involvement to date, I am concerned that this extradition case will not receive the high-level attention it deserves... Please know that I will be monitoring this extradition case very closely in the coming weeks. I would appreciate it greatly if you would keep me informed of any new developments,” the letter said.

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